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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed July 26, 2010, which will be treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired on May 17, 2010, for failure to pay the four and one-half year maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

37 CFR 1.138(c) requires a statement that "the delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional." Since the statement appearing in the petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.138(c), the statement is being construed as the required statement. Petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct reading of the statement appearing in the petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at (571) 272-4618.

The patent file is being forwarded to Files Repository.

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